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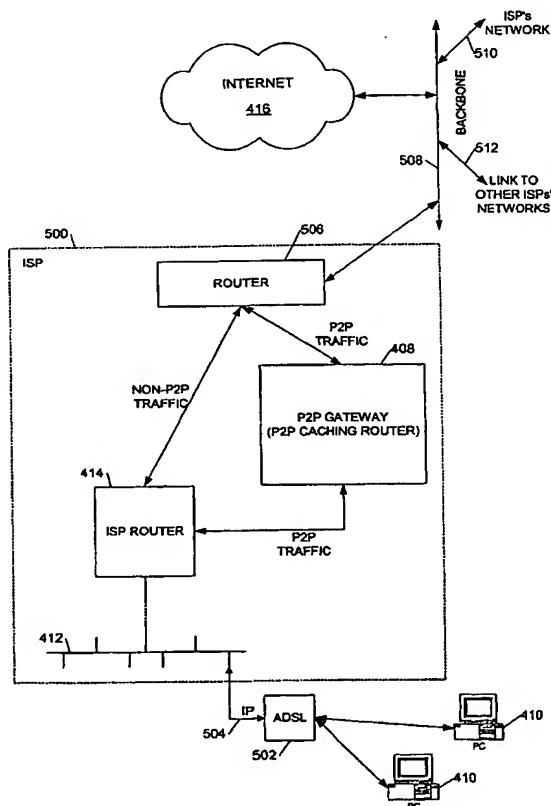
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(54) Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN PEER-TO-PEER NETWORKS



(57) Abstract: This relates to routing and caching systems for reducing the bandwidth used by decentralised peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing networks. A method of reducing traffic in a decentralised peer-to-peer network is described. The peer-to-peer network operates over an underlying network comprising first and second network portions. The method comprises routing a peer-to-peer message in one of said network portions with an intended destination in the other of said network portions to a gateway between peer-to-peer nodes residing on said first and second network portions; and controlling transport of said message at said gateway to limit propagation of said message into said other of said network portions.

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A method, computer network message controller, gateway and carrier to limit propagation of peer-to-peer messages in other network portions.

2. claims: 6-8, 23-25, 39-41, 54-66

A peer-to-peer network cache, carrier, method and computer program comprising a data store storing data files.

3. claims: 9-12 , 26-29, 43-46, 67-74

A peer-to-peer network cache, carrier, method comprising a data store storing digital fingerprint data for identifying the files and corresponding file source identifiers

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